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1. REFTELS INDICATED EL SALVADOR AND PARAGUAY WILLING
TO SUPPORT KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS AGAINST LIKELY
CHALLENGE AT OCTOBER 17 OPENING OF UNESCO GENERAL
CONFERENCE BUT THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THEY
UNABLE ATTEND OR VOTE BECAUSE OF ARREARS IN UNESCO
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ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, INFO ADDRESSEES COULD ENSURE HOST GOVERNMENTS AWARENESS THAT ALTHOUGH UNESCO CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE THEORETICALLY PROVIDE THAT RIGHT TO VOTE IN GENERAL CONFERENCE BE DENIED STATES IN ARREARS FOR TOTAL AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF TWO YEARS ASSESSMENTS, SUCH SANCTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN APPLIED IN PRACTICE. RULES PROVIDE FOR WAIVER IF GEN CONF SATISFIED THAT NON-PAYMENT DUE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MEMBER STATES' CONTROL.

3. ONLY RELATIVE "TOUGHENING" OF RULES HAS BEEN THAT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD NOW CONSIDERS ACCEPTABILITY OF REASONS GIVEN FOR NON-PAYMENT BY MEMBER STATES CONCERNED IN RESPONSE TO LETTERS FROM UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL AND MAKES RECOMMENDATION THEREON TO GENERAL CONFERENCE LEGAL COMMITTEE.

4. CURRENT EXBD SESSION MADE FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION OCTOBER 4 ON REASONS GIVEN IN WRITTEN RESPONSES OF EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA PERMREPS HERE, WHICH WERE ONLY TWO OF NINE MEMBER STATES THAT REPLIED TO QUERIES.

5. AS MOST OF OTHER SEVEN ALSO LDC'S (CHAD, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, HAITI, PARAGUAY AND PORTUGAL), POWERFUL THIRD WORLD VOTING BLOC AGAIN CERTAIN TO FAVOR WAIVER OF ARREARAGES SANCTIONS.

6. FOR ASUNCION: PARAGUAY HAS HAD PARTICULARLY LONG-STANDING ARREARS TOTALLING \$69,000 GOING BACK TO 1967. RESPONSE TO UNESCO QUERIES SENT THIS AUGUST WITH AT LEAST PROFORMA EXPLANATION AND EXPRESSION OF GOOD INTENTIONS TO PAY WHEN POSSIBLE WOULD LIKELY BE ADEQUATE TO ASSURE RIGHT TO VOTE.

7. COMMENT: PERMDEL BELIEVES PRESENCE AND VOTE OCTOBER 17 AT GENERAL CONFERENCE OF EVERY FRIENDLY MEMBER STATE IS CRUCIAL TO FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF CHALLENGE TO KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS. EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA LISTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS ABSENT IN UNESCO VOTE LAST OCTOBER ON KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS WHICH WERE UPHELD BY 42-30-23 (ABSTENTIONS). THERE IS NO REASON TO PREVENT THEM FROM APPEARING AT THIS SESSION AS AT LEAST NICARAGUAN AND EL SALVADOR REPRESENTATION IN PARIS NOW AWARE.

8. PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF PARIS-BASED OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES ABOVE COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND

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